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LETTER DATED 22 OCTOBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your attention the attached statement, issued on 22 October 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union, on the resumption of fighting in Guinea-Bissau (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ernst SUCHARIPA
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to the United Nations

Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement issued on 22 October 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union on the resumption of fighting in Guinea-Bissau

The European Union has noted with deep concern the resumption of fighting between Government forces and the self-proclaimed military junta in Guinea-Bissau, again leading to the exodus of thousands of civilians from the capital.

The European Union calls on both parties to the conflict to end the fighting immediately and to continue to respect the terms of the ceasefire concluded in August in Praia, Cape Verde.

The European Union urges both parties to continue negotiations under the joint Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries/Economic Community of West African States mediation to find a peaceful solution to the conflict.

The Central and Eastern European countries and Cyprus, associated with the European Union, as well as Iceland and Norway, European Free Trade Association countries members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.